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GM CLOSURES

Curry Motors lives to sell another truck

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Wednesday, May 20 was not one of the best days in Don Popple's life.

There were the constant phone calls and emails to his office at Curry Motors – "Have you heard anything yet?"

Then there was the inner turmoil – would General Motors end its 86-year partnership with the Haliburton GM dealership? Would Curry Motors be told it was one of the 240 GM dealerships that would effectively be closed across Canada? What would happen to the 35 employees at Curry Motors if that happened?

But at 5:50 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 become one of the best days in Don Popple's life.

He got the email. He got the good email, telling him that GM was continuing its franchise agreement with Haliburton

See **'We're here'** *page 11*

MATT JAMES/Echo

Jamming with Jerelyn

Vocalist Jerelyn Craden, right, hits the high note and the right note as guest director Judy Cole steers the Highlands Wind Symphony through *When I Fall In Love* inside a packed Northern Lights Pavilion on May 24. For more symphony shots see page 27.

PARC PROCESS

School fight gets personal

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

It's probably a good thing May 20 was the last time the school board would hold public consultations on the future of Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools; the level of animosity between the two villages has reached heights neither neighbourly nor constructive.

It was supposed to be an evening where the people of both places could tell the program accommodation and review committee (PARC) what they thought about the prospect of losing their elementary school and bussing their kids more than 20 kilometres.

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Enduro bikes cause deep Rail Trail rift

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

County councillor Bill Davis is resigning his post as chair of the Rail Trail committee after a contentious decision by county council to allow Enduro bikes to ride the multi-use trail.

At its meeting May 22, county coun-

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Iron man

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High smog levels were experienced across southern, central, eastern, and parts of northern Ontario on Thursday, May 21.

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We hope to see you at the meeting and welcome all interested. For further information, please call 457-1742.

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JENN WATT/Echo

Twin sisters, Ashley and Amanda Gibson, return from a muddy ATV trip to join the protest May 16 to stop Jeeps from using the trails on Green Mountain, south of Gooderham.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PROTEST

ATVers want to keep Jeeps off trails

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

While cyclists in Haliburton are fighting to keep ATVs and Enduro bikes off the Rail Trail, ATVers and bikers arefighting to keep Jeeps off their paths on Green Mountain, south of Gooderham on Buckhorn Road.

A small group of protesters gathered May 16 in the middle of the forest where four-wheel-drive recreational vehicles commonly travel to tell them to keep off the hill.

There was a time when hikers, cyclists and snowmobilers could drive to the top of Green Mountain to look out from its peak over the rolling lands of Highlands East, but since Jeeps have begun using the trail, it has become too difficult to use, protesters say.

"Snowmobiles can't get up the hill ... big Jeeps have ripped it up so bad," one protester and ATV user, Mike Peters, said.

Peters lives at the end of the private road leading to the hill beside the only other resident, Maria Allan, and they both say the trail crossing their road has been abused.

"They knock trees down and leave, knock rocks off," he said. "We spend thousands of dollars every year."

Peters is a part-time resident in the area and said every year he has to remove trees knocked onto his road and replace culverts.

"We have to do it every year because of the damage and devastation. We do extra work because of irresponsible people not being responsible for their actions," he said.

The riders are allowed to drive the paths that cross the private road because the land is owned by the province.

Not only do the four-wheel-drive vehicles tear out trees and break rocks, the people riding them leave garbage all over the forest, the protesters said.

"Every time I go up the mountain, I bring a garbage bag with me," Allan said. She finds garbage and beer bottles regularly.

The Ministry of Natural Resources knows about the problem, as does the municipality, but enforcement has been difficult.

The group talked with the municipality and MNR in 2006, but nothing has happened in three years, so they started a petition to be read by MPP Rick Johnson in the legislature. They hope their protests (they plan to have more over the summer) bring enough public pressure to stop the destructive practice.

One of the key issues is that recreational Jeep riders don't have an association like the ATVers and snowmobilers do. Therefore, there is no way to communicate with individual riders.

ATVers say large four-by-four Jeeps have destroyed the trails they used to share with cyclists and snowmobilers.

KENNISIS LAKE

Bullfrog Bay no longer a refuge for roving docks

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It wasn't the first dock that was towed into the quiet shelter of Kennisis Lake's Bullfrog Bay that caused a problem. Nor was it the second.

But with close to 50 docks spending last winter in the bay, the Kennisis Lake Cottagers' Association says it's time to act. Not only is the number of abandoned docks increasing, but in the winter, covered with snow, they are camouflaged hazards for snowmobilers.

This summer, the association will remove any of the docks that are left in the bay. It's not sure what it will do with them but it's no longer willing to let the docks float aimlessly.

"The plan is to put notifications on each dock [floating in the bay], asking all owners to let us know by July 15 that it's their dock," says Lesley Lepine, who's spearheading the effort on behalf of the association. The owners have to reassure the association that their dock will be removed. Any docks that are not accounted for will be removed by the association on August 8.

Lepine told the association's spring meeting that it's common for people to tow their dock to Bullfrog Bay every autumn. The bay provides shelter from wave and ice damage. Every spring, however, more and more docks are not being taken back to their original home. There's one, securely anchored, that's been there for three years.

Lepine says she's also worried about the impact that the abandoned docks will have on the bay's frog population.

"There's more and more junk floating around in there and it doesn't make for happy frogs," she said.

One man told the story of finding a dock left in his bay for the winter. He contacted the owner, who had paid a local contractor to store the dock over winter. The owner had no idea that "storage" was simply towing it into a nearby bay.

Dock owners were encouraged to ask contractors where their docks were being stored.

Kennisis Lake briefs are on page 26

MATT JAMES/Echo

On May 22 park employee Frank Conboy placed the coyote in the park along the bushes near the tennis courts. He says he's seen people take a detour to avoid the creature they don't know is fake and others walk right past it without noticing it's there.

HEAD LAKE PARK

Can a plastic coyote outfox Canada geese?

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Those who frequent Head Lake Park might find a little surprise lurking in the lakeside bushes but there's no need to be alarmed. Dysart et al has purchased a fake coyote that will be placed in various locations near the shore in yet another attempt to keep our country's namesake geese away.

Dysart et al fire chief and operations manager Miles Maughan says the geese aren't around much yet but they'll be showing up in the months to come. He's hoping that won't be the case once the fake coyote is in place.

"We'll probably have it out at least once a day come summer," said Maughan.

The coyote was purchased for $60 and Maughan says it is the fifth attempt to deter the geese. The municipality has tried collecting geese eggs, collecting the geese, spraying the grass, and scaring them away with dogs.

Couple saves cottage from fire

Quick thinking by Cathy and David Pengelly saved their 79-year-old Soyers Lake cottage.

On Wednesday, the couple left their island retreat for a boat ride. When they returned at noon, they discovered that an outside wall of the cottage was on fire.

They called 911 and then grabbed their fire extinguishers, emptying three of them to put the fire out.

Sixteen Dysart firefighters responded to the call, arriving by boat at 12:30 p.m.. The Pengellys had extinguished the fire but the firefighters ensured it was fully out.

Fire chief Miles Maughan says the fire was caused by an overheated battery charger. The value of damage was $15,000.

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HALIBURTON VISIT

MPP's tour of uranium site 'eye opening'

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

MPP Rick Johnson got an "eye-opener" Thursday when he was taken to Bancroft Uranium's exploration site and saw the destruction done to the trees and earth in search of radioactive rock.

Fulfilling his promise to meet with members of Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration, Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, Johnson was taken on a tour of the site on County Road 503 to get a better sense of what cottagers and residents of Haliburton County are faced with.

"It was informative, it was eye-opening and it was somewhat disturbing at times, you know, all the damage that's going on. And maybe all of the permits have been filed and maybe that's what it's supposed to look like. It makes me ask some questions," Johnson said.

Roger Young and Susanne Lauten of Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration were also on the tour.

"He said he was very disappointed the trees were bulldozed and cut down, ground was cut up and disturbed," Young said.

"He's checking into whether due diligence was done by the province," he said.

The site is on Crown land, but Johnson said the uranium company still had to obtain permits, which he is going to check up on.

Young impressed upon Johnson that cottagers aren't interested in living alongside mines and that tourism and cottage taxes are the mainstays of Haliburton's economy. It is important, he said, to keep the cottagers here and the mining out.

"Obviously it has the potential to have a huge impact in this area and I absolutely understand the economic benefit of cottages and I get that," Johnson said.

Later in the day the MPP travelled to Minden to meet with Bonnie Fleischaker from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow.

There he learned more about the struggles that group is having with the Trent-Severn Waterway and the water levels on many of the lakes that feed the canal system.

"You see pictures of what is supposed to be a lake and it's just a dock sitting on a rock, that's a little ... interesting," he said.

Johnson has already spoken with Ontario's Minister of the Environment, John Gerretsen, about the TSW report, It's All About the Water, and will find out what the province can do to follow through with the recommendations from the federal paper. Johnson also plans to join the TSW caucus, which former MPP Laurie Scott attended.

Whew!

LAST THURSDAY, it was easy to feel complacent about the future of Curry Motors. Surely General Motors wouldn't, couldn't end its partnership with a dealership that began in Haliburton as a livery service. But on Friday morning, as news of four-generation dealerships being told they could no longer sell GM vehicles began to spread, doubt and worry seeped in. You started to imagine Haliburton's future without Curry Motors and didn't like what you saw.

The job loss would be devastating, not only for the families of the employees but also for the Haliburton economy. The service department likely would have stayed open but with no new cars being sold, business would eventually go out of the county. The loss of such a local institution, or, more accurately, the weakening of such a such a local institution, would have cast a pall over the entire community, blanketing us with pessimism. And then there's all the local groups and organizations which Curry Motors supports in ways large and small.

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

It is with a tremendous sense of relief that Curry Motors president Don Popple found out that the dealership, started by his grandfather-in-law, was considered strong enough to endure the turmoil that GM finds itself in. Even if the car maker goes into bankruptcy, there's no longer the fear that it would be the beginning of the end for the company. The next year won't be easy for either GM or Curry Motors but they will survive. Thank goodness.

Wilberforce vs Cardiff

The animosity between Wilberforce and Cardiff that bubbled to the surface at Wednesday night's meeting about the possible closure of one of their schools is not new but it was not a pleasant sight when it became so exposed. In fact, it was darned ugly and of absolutely no help to the committee that is trying to find a way to cope with declining enrolment. By focusing on the negative, the communities gave the committee no positives to build on (unless a fear of what will happen if students from one school have to be bussed to another can be turned into a positive reason for not letting that happen.)

One Wilberforce resident questioned the morals of the people in Cardiff (and put the blame of declining enrolment on feminism and planned parenting.) Cardiff residents scoured the basement of the Wilberforce school, looking for mould as a way of justifying why that school should be the one to close. One of those residents was the municipality's deputy-reeve, who surely should be more concerned about the wellbeing of the entire municipality, not just his neighbourhood.

What must the committee think? Do they want to wash their hands of the whole affair or work with the communities to find a solution? It's time for everyone to work together.

Sunset bike *Photo by Matt James*

Miles per gallon vs litres per kilometre

ross jarvis **two-eight-six**

THE NICE WEATHER took its sweet time, but I personally declare spring sprung, and with last Thursday's temperature soaring into the 20s, I pronounce summer to be just around the corner.

Also coming around the various bends in the road is summer traffic; the kind that we count on here in cottage country to makes ends meet, with enough left over to head south for some of the other weather we're so famous for.

And as I read the news from across our fair land, the good weather is having its seasonal effect on gasoline prices hither and yon. It varies, dependent upon how far you live from Alberta. The price of gas in Calgary jumped a measly 87.5 to 87.6 over the last week while in P.E.I., it leaped from 87.9 to in incredible 95.8 per litre in one week. I guess they expect a huge influx of golfers arriving by gas-guzzler from all points west and south.

Toronto's prices only jumped about a cent in the past week but I know from experience that right around noon on Friday, gas prices in old T.O. can inexplicably jump to as high as the traffic will bear as cottagers hit the road for their northern escapes. Fuming takes on even more meaning as they jam into line and idle their way up the Don Valley Parkway.

Of course, we're talking litres here, which for folks around my age, is slightly foreign (French to be exact) and more than slightly confusing.

Pierre Trudeau decided to introduce his fellow Canadians to the metric system when he held a majority in 1970. It took until about 1985 before all of our systems of measure were changed to metric, or most of them. (We are still using both systems even today.)

Back in the day, I was very familiar with an Imperial gallon, which is not to be mistaken for the smaller U.S. gallon. I knew the difference. I knew how big a gallon was, and how much it should cost. I could calculate, in my head, in a few seconds, how much I would need to take a trip anywhere. I also knew how far a mile was. Or 10 miles. Or 120 miles. When people asked me how long it took to get from Toronto to my cottage on Mountain Lake, I would say two and a half hours, no matter how fast you drove. Fast or slow, it took two and a half hours to get here.

I remember when a gallon of gas was priced at around 35.9 cents. Now the average litre of gas in Ontario costs 94.5. There are 4.546 litres to a gallon. Therefore a gallon of gas now costs roughly $4.28. I tried to find the figures (but couldn't) that show how much a litre cost on the day we changed from Imperial to metric. I have a feeling that the powers that be took advantage of a very confused public and stuck it to them (us). Anybody out there have any info on this?

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Reading the signs

tales from **Vinegar Hill**

steve galea

PRIMITIVE MAN, we are told, marked the passing of time by the changes in the seasons, the movement of the stars, and the steadfastness of the crop cycles. Around our house, it is marked by when I first don shorts in spring. And this explains why this past last weekend was so darned exciting around here.

Sunday dawned a day like any other. Yet – and those of you who are attuned probably felt it too – as the morning progressed, a palpable excitement built up in the air. It provided a frenetic, electrical charge, I suppose. There was a sense that almost anything was possible, and a rare feeling that something visually wonderful was about to take place.

Soon after, I first felt the first undeniable urge to go upstairs and put on a pair of safari shorts. Sure, there were other choices. I could have gone Hawaiian, wore old man shorts with white knee socks, spandex cycling shorts, or even went Daisy Duke. But I had no free will in the matter.

I was just an instrument in all of this – an innocent and obedient servant to a higher power who spoke to me and pronounced, "For the love of all things holy, put on a reasonable pair of shorts this time."

To which, I responded, "Yes dear."

I don't remember it all. One minute, I was having my second cup of coffee, the next I was fastening the final button on a pair of old shorts and walking downstairs to inflict joy and great hope upon the world at large. I vaguely remember how alive I felt as the breeze gently caressed the fine hair on my calves and the sun first quenched itself on the cold steel of sinew, bone, and muscle that are my legs. But after that, it's all a blur.

In many ways, it was the same old ageless story. At first, the people around me averted their eyes, just as they would during a total eclipse of the sun, a major volcanic explosion, or some other incredibly beautiful and powerful natural phenomenon. But soon, the wiser ones turned reverently towards my newly exposed legs and cautiously viewed what the new season had in store for them.

Tears of joy intermingled with the laughter and muffled silent prayers. A voice from deep within the crowd pronounced, "Dear Lord, my legs are beautiful."

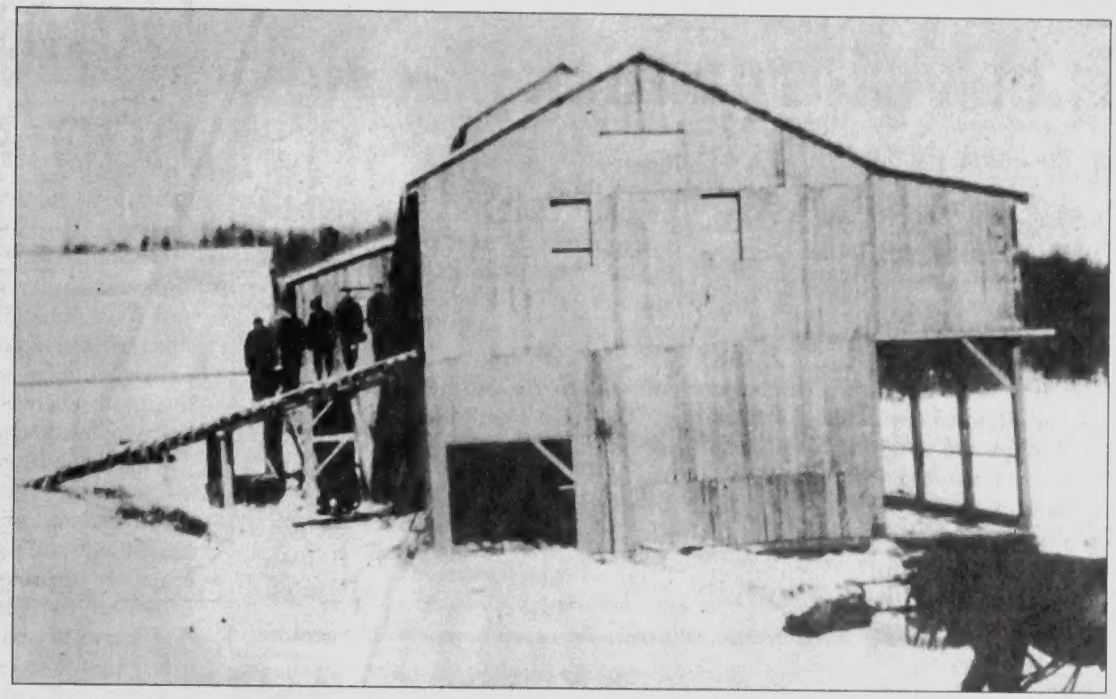
Much to my surprise, however, there was not as much fanfare as there could have been. No one even thought to announce the commencement of three days of drunken festivities, the sacrifice of a goat or other small farm animal, and much dancing.

In lieu of all that, my wife pronounced, "Boy, are your legs ever white."

Still, those who know how to read the signs understand that this augers well. True, bone-white legs indicate the winter was long, but not as long as that which would be indicated by translucent blue legs. Moreover, they are also sure indication that summer will arrive within six weeks. For six weeks is all it takes to develop a summer-like tan on bone white legs. Had they been translucent blue, summer might have been delayed further.

The main thing is that from here on in, you'll see me, and many other men, going about their business proudly showing off legs blanched by six months of winter while wearing respectable shorts. Individually, it doesn't mean much. Collectively, however, all that reflected sunlight off of our legs is more than enough to raise the ambient temperature of the immediate area.

It might not seem like a lot, but I think we should all be thankful for it. After all, we could have worn the Daisy Duke shorts.



pic *of the* past

These five men standing by the Austin-Roberts mill at Eagle Lake was taken in 1928. The mill was located at the dam at Eagle lake. The men, from left, were Jimmy Pearsell, Jack Coneybeare, unknown, Val Hoxie, Mr. Brokenshire from Fenelon Falls. On the left you can see the boiler room which rested on the site of the W.O. Baily house. Photo and information, courtesy of Glen Hodgson of Haliburton Lake back in 1986.

letters to the editor

Is it worth a costly change, again?

To the editor:

Re: name change of Saunders Road.

It's easy to just sit there and say "change the name" but there are costs that have been incurred for those who live on this road and have businesses from their home address. Not to mention the driver's licence, insurance and all other legalities with your address on it. That is time and loss of money for advertising that has already been paid for, as well as the inconvenience of all of this.

If those who strongly want the name reversed to South Wilberforce, along with the township, want to take on this cost burden then I think we may be able to work this all out.

We didn't ask for the road to be changed when the bridge went out. Those who were here at that time had that burden. Should they be responsible to go through it all again?

I guess it is much easier to say change the name when it costs you nothing. And you don't actually live on this street.

As to the other issue about being from Tory Hill. Our great Canada Post has told us that this is where we reside. Those who have issue with this should take it up with them.

Shawn Arscott
Tory Hill

Louder doesn't mean more important

To the Editor:

County council's recent decision to allow off-road motorbikes on the rail trail is ill-informed and reprehensible.

It is ill-informed because it panders, once again, to the motorized lobby's inaccurate assertion that any engine-powered form of recreation, no matter how loud, intrusive or environmentally damaging, is more economically important than oxygen- and muscle-powered sports. It is reprehensible because it contradicts the rail trail committee's decision not to permit off-road bikes on the trail, rendering the committee redundant; because it ignores adjacent property owners' right to quiet enjoyment of their land; and because it squanders, yet again, an opportunity to make the best use of a valuable public resource.

The issue is not with people who ride dirt bikes, which have their place, on private lands that accept them, on motocross race tracks, and at sanctioned Enduro events. The issue is that in opening the rail trail to yet another small group of special interest users, county council is abrogating its responsibility to support the long-term health and social well-being of residents and the business community.

Council's approach to the rail trail is disappointingly parochial. Apparently councillors are unaware that there are other ways to use rail trails, and other recreations than dirt biking that strengthen local economies. Taxpayers would be better served if county councillors were sent on a fact-finding mission. They could start in Ottawa this weekend, where 20,000 people will fill every hotel room in the city as they participate in the

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MORE LETTERS

Speak with caution Mackie

To the Editor:

Re: Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie's comments in the May 19 Echo story, "Problem with building department? Call a lawyer"

I would advise him to take caution with his words. The lack of communication and co-operation from the building department in the past has been unique to Highlands East as compared to neighbouring building departments.

The meeting held earlier this month with CBO Randy Dunsmore appeared to be a positive step in the right direction with hope of moving forward for the '09 building season.

I hope Mackie's comments did not undermine any progress made by the efforts of many to find a common ground with his building department. I really doubt he would actually want this to become a legal battle with the number of contractors, subtrades, suppliers, and home owners that have been affected this past year. It could get very expensive for taxpayers.

Kirk Holden
Haliburton

Councillors should visit non-motorized rail trails

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National Capital marathon, half marathon and 10 km run. Or to Ottawa on any other summer weekend, when the city closes its parkways to cars, not for dirt bikers but for the thousands of people who run, cycle, walk and rollerblade on them.

A trip to southern Ontario would also be instructive. The rail trail from Hamilton, through Brantford and on to Cambridge, to cite just one prominent example, is extensively improved and heavily used, but not by anything motorized. Dirt bikes and ATVs are banned on the trail.

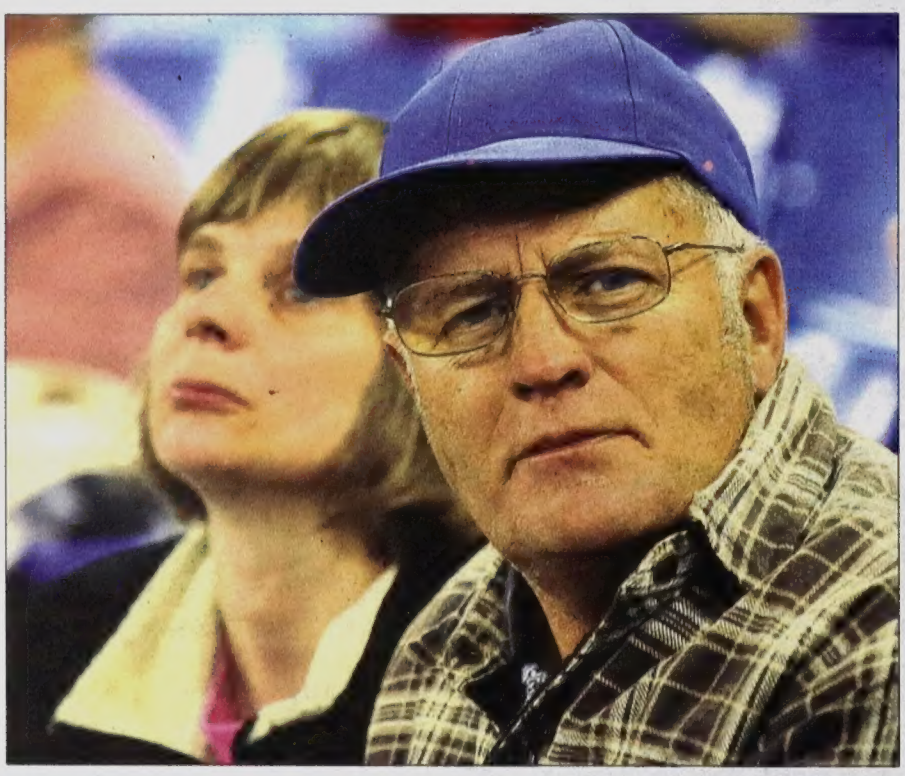
If councillors needed more proof about the economic value of non-motorized rail trails, they could travel to the Laurentians, where an abandoned rail line, known as *Le petit train du nord*, stretches more than 200 kilometres north from Montreal. In winter, snowmobiles are permitted on portions of it. In the other three seasons, motorized vehicles are banned. One hundred kilometres of the trail are paved. It throngs with cyclists, including groups of school children who are bussed to the trail so they can experience its beauty and tranquility, and get some healthy exercise. Apparently the hundreds of restaurants, retail outlets and accommodators along the trail length know that muscle powered recreation has economic benefits.

For an even broader view, councillors could visit just about any rural area of western Europe, where they would discover that a culture of healthy, quiet recreation is ubiquitous. There are no dirt bikes to be seen or heard on the huge network of trails that throng with hikers and mountain bikers in France, Italy, Switzerland and elsewhere.

The rail trail has the potential to become a focal point for healthy recreation in a county that is sorely lacking in recreational facilities. There is a growing interest in health and fitness, and a growing demand for environmentally responsible, quiet recreation.

It is unacceptable that county council remains ignorant of that reality. The public should demand that the rail trail committee's role be respected and its recommendations supported. Council should have the courage and the wisdom to overturn it's ill-considered decision to allow dirt bikes on the rail trail. And it should educate itself about the economic potential of healthy recreation, so that it will be better equipped to nurture, rather than squander, the potential of public lands.

Len Pizzey
Haliburton



Once a year the Rogers Centre hosts a Community Living Ontario Day, with a portion of ticket sales goes to Community Living Ontario. On Sunday, May 17, a bus of Community Living supporters from Bancroft, Haliburton and Minden went to watch the Blue Jays take on the Chicago White Sox. A great day had by all, including the Blue Jays, who beat the White Sox 8-2.

Left, Stan Packard and Marianne Stammers cheer on the Jays.

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Rail Trail conflict felt even at committee level

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cil listened to a delegation by Ken Hoeverman, who is both head of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders and president of Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours. He argued that the motorbikes should be given the same rights as ATVs to use the path.

All but Davis and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey voted for a one-year trial run with the bikes, but Davis said the process was so flawed that he can no longer be head of the Rail Trail committee.

At the committee level, Enduro bikes lost the vote to use the trail with a tie (the ATV and snowmobile representatives plus Davis voted against). It was brought to the committee as part of recommendations from a master plan review that had public consultations.

Hoeverman sits on that committee on behalf of Trails and Tours, but excused himself from the vote.

After that vote lost, the Rail Trail committee was prepared to give its recommendations to county council, but Hoeverman appeared before council as a delegation on behalf of bikers and convinced three-quarters of the politicians to let bikes on.

Hoeverman said it is perfectly democratic for county council to vote against a committee's recommendation.

"It is normal process in Ontario that committees don't do decisions, committees represent recommendations to council," he said.

Davis is upset that the council wouldn't listen to the committee. He also said minutes of the committee meeting were lost in an "administrative boondoggle."

Local cyclists and outdoors advocates aren't pleased with the decision either.

Barrie Martin, co-founder of Trails and Tours, said it was inappropriate for county council to go ahead and vote on Enduro bikes before the committee recommendations from the master plan review came forward.

"I think the decision is inappropriate," Martin said.

"First of all there's still a review going on of the Rail Trail master plan and that decision was made in the middle of that process and as a result, I think it was premature. We need to let that process roll out," he said.

Hoeverman said the review is done and that there were no specific comments at the public meetings about Enduro bikes, although there were the "usual" comments from non-motorized users.

"There was no strong opposition to the Rail Trail master plan as it stood. There was general opposition that normally occurs where non-motorized people don't want to share. That's a common problem in the process. Although they have other opportunities for peaceful use of trails they tend to want it all," Hoeverman said.

There are several reasons the decision should not have gone forward at this point, Martin said, including a "conflict of duty" with Hoeverman representing both Trails and Tours and the trail rider group.

In general, Martin said, the Rail Trail committee has too many voices from motorized users and too few from non-motorized. There is only one non-motorized user representative, while there are representatives from the ATV association and snowmobile association, plus Hoeverman who is technically sitting for Trails and Tours, but is active in off-roading culture.

Other committee members are two county councillors and one adjacent landowner to the trail.

"The committee would benefit from having some people not associated with a particular trail organization; just good community citizens that have a broader view to the needs of the community and could bring an important perspective to the discussions," Martin said.

Hoeverman disagrees, saying each member of the committee is to act in the best interests of the trail, not in the interest of their prospective associations.

Non-motorized trail users, including joggers and cyclists, find the trails tough to use after ATVs have been on them, Martin said. They dig up the earth and cause bicycles to get bogged down. Adding motorbikes would make that problem even worse.

Davis, who supports ATVs on the trails, said that Enduro bikes cause more damage than ATVs because of their relatively slim tires and faster speeds.

Last summer, Dick Charron had a difficult and unpleasant bicycle ride on the trail because of deep ATV ruts and said he's not pleased to hear more motorized vehicles will be digging up the earth.

"I'm disturbed about it because I think this is a regressive decision. I think in reality what we now have is a motorized trail. Fewer and fewer people are going to use it for other uses," he said.

It's been difficult to get the Rail Trail committee to listen to any suggestion that parts of the trail should be non-motorized only, said Charron, who represented the Cycling Coalition on the new master plan review.

As a compromise, he thinks the trail between Head Lake and the fish hatchery should be for non-motorized users only, but even that suggestion, supported by 15 local organizations including the Family Health Team and Environment Haliburton, went unanswered.

The master plan recommendations should have been presented to council before they allowed a new motorized vehicle on the trail, Charron said.

He echoed Martin's view that the committee membership is skewed to suit motorized users.

Recommendations from the Rail Trail committee will be presented to county council on May 27.

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Having only met three times, the Dysart library fundraising committee has already brought in $20,000 and is aiming for another $130,000 to fill the new Haliburton library with shelves, chairs and tables. Fundraising committee members gathered at the site under construction last week: left, chairperson Lindy Smith, Councillor Janis Parker, Heather Thom, secretary Linda Heeps, library CEO Bessie Sullivan and Councillor Andrea Roberts. Missing from the photo is committee member Jamie Woodman.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

New library hopes to house more than books

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

The new, spacious Dysart library will be "more than just a place for books," as the fundraising slogan goes, and will broaden the definition of library to a community hub with meeting rooms, children's space, programming and a patio overlooking Head Lake park and the lake.

The 5,000-square-foot building will have interiors of cream and olive green, large windows, a fireplace, meeting space, a patio and a lively, community-oriented atmosphere.

Eyes shine around the boardroom while the library fundraising committee members describe their vision for the facility.

Their plans are so new they have to keep referring back to notes of decisions freshly made about slogans and donor walls.

Although the municipality received $1.3 million for the building sitting alongside York Street, that money does not cover what goes inside the library, which is why the team has constructed a robust fundraising campaign to buy the tables, chairs, shelves, bike racks, children's area furnishings, information boards and gardens needed to make the building more than just a house for books.

"Everybody on this committee is so positive," said Councillor Andrea Roberts, which is why they are confident they can reach their $150,000 goal by December.

"We came out of the gate running. I knew we had a dynamic team," she said.

They've already pinned down $20,000 of the goal and they're only on their third meeting.

Librarys responsibility is divided between the county and the municipality. The county provides the staff and the books, while the municipality is responsible for providing the building.

The furniture inside (and outside) that building are extra and the committee is hoping the community will help out.

Committee member Jamie Woodman designed the advertising campaign materials, including brochures that will go out with every tax bill, and bookmarks available at the current library.

A donor wall in the new facility will recognize the contributions to the campaign. The first name on the list is Michael Barnes, a local author who has already contributed $2,500 to the library.

There is also the opportunity for naming rights of the patio, meeting room, lounge, fireplace and more for those giving exceptional amounts of money.

Michael Barnes will be signing copies of his new book, *Haliburton in Highland Ontario*, on June 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Haliburton Foodland.

Owner Bob Park will be donating proceeds from the book signing to the library fund.

This drawing of the new Dysart library as it will look upon completion adorns the front of a fundraising brochure to be sent out with the tax bills shortly. The 5,000-square-foot building will overlook Head Lake Park with a view of the lake.

Local author Michael Barnes, left, donated $2,500 to the Dysart library. Bessie Sullivan, Haliburton County library CEO, accepted the money Thursday. Barnes's name will be listed on the new library's wall among other donors.

'We're here, we're open'

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County's only GM dealership.

"We're here, we're open," Popple says with his trademark smile from his office overlooking the showroom on Thursday morning.

Until earlier that week, Popple had no idea that there was going to be such a massive shake-up at the ground level of GM dealerships. "People didn't realize this was coming," he says.

He was told there'd be an internal televised announcement on Monday night from GM's Canadian head office in Oshawa. "It was probably the hardest thing they've ever had to do," he says of the announcement that two days later, GM would let one-third of its dealers know by phone or email that their agreements to sell GM vehicles would be terminated. (It was later changed to all dealerships getting an email.)

> **"It was horrible.... If we'd been still up town [on Haliburton's main street] we might have had a problem."**
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> Don Popple, President of Curry Motors

"It was horrible," he says of the tension leading up to the announcements.

As relieved as he is that GM is continuing its relationship with Curry Motors, "I feel badly for my friends" who own dealerships that were cut from GM's list.

He understands, however, why GM had to do what it did. Certain areas had too many dealerships competing with one another. "That was okay when GM was 50 per cent of the market but now they're 22 per cent," he says. "If the pie is cut so finely that no one can make money, you won't have good dealerships."

Dealers were told that the decisions over which dealerships to cut would be based on five criteria including market penetration, sales, the state of their facilities and customer satisfaction surveys.

"You have to do all those things and make money," he laughs. More seriously, he adds, "It's a fair way of doing it. The parent company – GM, Ford, Honda – they're only as good as their dealership group. If no one's making any money [it's bad for the company]."

Popple says, "If we'd been still up town [on Haliburton's main street] we might have had a problem." As it is, Curry Motors is in its brand new, state-of-the-art facility overlooking the village next to Todd's Independent. "This business is [literally and figuratively] built on a rock."

Popple, who is president of the company that his grandfather-in-law started as a livery service, says that while in some ways Curry Motors waited too long to move to a more spacious location, it was that natural prudence which is serving Curry Motors well today. The sale of the downtown property to Rexall drug stores, plus selling part of its auto body property on County Road 21 to Loblaw, gave Curry Motors much of the financing it needed to build the new facility. Curry Motors is not facing the debt load that other dealerships are burdened by.

If the partnership between Curry Motors and GM had been severed, Popple said he would have looked at other options but it would have taken time and some of the staff would have been laid off.

As upset as he is for some of his fellow dealers, Popple says the shake-up at General Motors will, in the long run, be a good thing. Things at GM, like things in the economy in general, had to change because they weren't sustainable. "This type of slow down had to happen," he says. "It just didn't have to happen as drastically as it did."

He blames the banking problems in the United States for sparking a global crisis that dried up the availability of money for loans.

Curry Motors did well last fall but started to feel the crunch once the calendar changed to 2009. "It hit January 5. That's when you could see fewer cars in your shop and fewer cars being sold."

Sixty-five per cent of Curry Motors sales are trucks, SUVs and vans. They are practical vehicles for the Highlands and will always be popular. Ironically, he said, the economic downturn is coming at a time when GM's products have never been better.

The next year will be "a grind," he says, but "I think GM will come out a stronger company.

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

No wonder Don Popple was smiling on Friday morning. The night before, the president of Curry Motors received an email from General Motors Canada telling him that GM's partnership with the 87-year-old Haliburton dealership will continue.

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The choice of Lorry Brandon as a recipient of a Teaching Impact Award earns the full endorsement of her Grade 6 and 7 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Her enthusiasm for teaching makes them look forward to their class time with her.

TRILLIUM LAKELANDS AWARDS

Teachers' impact earns accolades

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The Teaching Impact Award goes to Paul Morissette of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Lorry Brandon of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

"We recognize outstanding work in our schools and offices every day," says director of education Kathy Verduyn. "And then once a year, we honour those whose work is outstanding and exemplary. This is a happy occasion for all of us – and we congratulate each nominee."

This year Trillium Lakelands DSB initiated a new award: more than 40 people were nominated to receive the new TLDSB Character award. In the Hlaiburton Highlands, the awards went to Chris Duchene and Rocky Roberts at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Laurie Marks-O'Sullivan and Sue Payne at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.

All award recipients will receive recognition at this year's Evening of Excellence at the Rene Caisse Theatre at BMLSS in Bracebridge on June 4.

As a long-time history teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Paul Morissette was loved by students for his ability to bring the past to life and make them care about world events. Now that he's in the guidance department, his compassion and understanding have earned him the respect of students and teachers alike.

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ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Adult learning has an unfair stigma, student says

JENNI MUISE
Student at AETC

We've all heard the stories about misunderstood teenagers and we think, "How can they have so many problems? They've barely lived a life?" But some students are misunderstood.

Students at the Adult Learning Centre are sometimes looked down on because they do not attend a regular high school.

The adult education and training centre opened its doors in September of 1999. But what goes on inside? Well I can't help but let the county of Haliburton in on the student success at the centre.

Some say it's the fun atmosphere brought on by the connection between staff and students. "It's a very relaxed atmosphere," says Greg Shantz.

"We all use our first names and treat students with the respect they deserve."

Greg teaches the Grade 9 and 10 courses at the school and finds ways to make a day fun for the students, such as playing a game of hacky-sack before the students rush out for break.

"Students often seek advice from staff, and we all get along pretty well," Kathy Hicks says.

Kathy is the school secretary; she deals with marks, student enrollment and guidance.

David Hawley, who just spent his first day teaching at the school, says, "From what I've seen and experienced there's a good relationship between staff and students."

David will be helping students in math but the real question is, how does the learning style differ from the high school?

Students work on individualized programs allowing them to work at their own pace, or in the five-day program learning with Shannon Daines.

When asked what he thought of this program, David's reply was, simply, "I think independent learning is ideal."

Lori Sargent is the administrative head of the school.

She counsels students regarding their high school education.

"The focus here is differentiated instruction, which allows the students to understand and be evaluated using methods that highlight the students' skill sets."

When asked about the more creative programs, she replied, "I think a lot of our students excel in situations where they can use their own creative ideas and improve upon them."

So students learn the same subjects just in a different way.

But how about a student's opinion?

Jen Coates has attended the adult education centre for four years.

"The adult ed. is so much more relaxed. There's no pressure and fewer students. The teachers actually have time to help you and it's more one on one."

So do the students deserve to be looked down on because they don't attend a regular high school?

No, they learn the same skills and courses they'd learn in a high school.

But is this learning style for everyone?

Well, Greg was asked this question and his response was as simple as it could ever be.

"Some students are more successful here than at the high school but it's NOT for everyone."

So there you have it – a new way of learning with the same success.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

People sometimes get the wrong impression about why people choose to attend the adult learning centre in the former Victoria Street School in Haliburton, says student Jenni Muise.

"Some students are more successful here than at the high school, but it's NOT for everyone. Greg Shantz

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ACADEMICS

HHSS students win scholarships

Two Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students are among the winners of the 2009 Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Excellence Awards.

Claire Flatman

Claire is involved in many activities at school, at church and in the music community. Last year, as co-ordinator of Lunch Buddies, a program to help integrate special needs students in the student life of the school, Claire organized regular social events for the special needs students and the volunteers. She is a founding member of her school's ECO team and she represents her school on the Group of Seven, which is comprised of one student representative from each school in Trillium Lakelands School Board.

Claire also enjoys new challenges and experiences. For example, when she was 16, she travelled by herself to Swan River, MB, where she knew no one, to run a vacation bible school. This venture was part of an initiative of her church, St. George's Anglican, to support local and national missions and outreach. The following summer, she co-ordinated a vacation bible school in her own community. Last summer, Claire, who plays clarinet and piano, travelled to Eastern Europe with the Niagara Youth Orchestra to give a concert tour and compete in an international youth orchestra competition in Vienna, Austria.

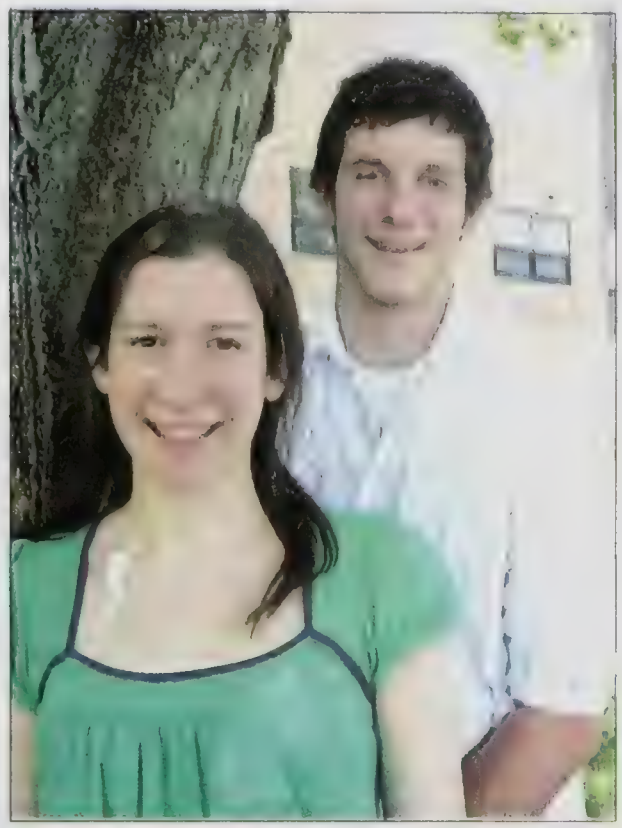
Claire's other interests include Nordic skiing, teaching piano and singing in the town's youth choir.

Mitch Rea

Mitch lived in places from Oakville to Ottawa, Hong Kong and Singapore in the first 10 years of his life, but Haliburton County has been home since 2002, and he loves its beautiful lakes and forests. Living here has also given him the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of activities at school and in the community. He is co-president of student council this year, has played rugby and soccer, and is an honours student.

In the community, Mitch is involved in both the arts and the sport of luge sledding. He has been an enthusiastic member of the Redstone River Luge Club since its inception in 2005, and he helped to build the course by carrying pails of water up the hill to ice the track. In 2007, he was the men's champion at the Luge Ontario provincial competition, and he now coaches at the club.

Mitch is also a talented actor and singer, having appeared in several productions at the Highlands Summer Festival. He enjoys making movies and volunteers teaching movie-making to others. He is also a volunteer technician with the Haliburton Movie Series, a monthly event that brings films from the Toronto International Film Festival to the community.



Grade 12 students Claire Flatman and Mitch Rea will receive $4,500 towards their first year of university. Claire will be studying piano performance. Mitch is taking biomedical science with plans to become a doctor.

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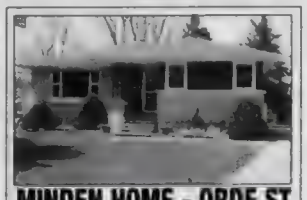

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Villagers put down each other's schools

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Instead, some people resorted to putting down the other school, the other town, the other teachers and, in one case, the other's morals.

"Although I do not have first-hand knowledge, I have many reports from reliable sources: several teachers, a secretary and a couple of parents have over the years complained to me about an unsavoury moral tone at this school," Charles Hughes, who was principal of Wilberforce Elementary School for 22 years, said of Cardiff Elementary School.

Hughes blamed environmentalism, feminism, humanism, materialism and secularism for the dropping birth rate of both towns and said the school system was "paganized" in the 1980s.

"As these philosophies dominated our society through the media and the education system, less children came to be born. Hence, the education system has contributed to its own demise, by actually advocating reduced births, which has resulted in declining enrolment," he said.

Some shook their heads as he spoke, but when he finished many applauded.

Before the consultations in Lloyd Watson Centre, the public was invited to tour Wilberforce school, as they had at the last consultation in Cardiff.

There Cardiff residents poked around the basement looking for mould, pointing out what they thought were gas leaks and a hole patched with a bed sheet.

"Others nit-picked our school so we're doing it back," Steven Kauffeldt of the Cardiff Community Association said as he and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie used Scotch tape to pull potential mould samples from the corners of the basement.

If Cardiff Elementary School was closed, Kauffeldt's kids would be bussed to Wilberforce every day until they reached Grade 9. He said he wanted to know what kind of building his kids would be taught in, but he was also hurt by how Wilberforce residents scrutinized

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Cardiff resident Steven Kauffeldt and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie scour the basement of WES for mouse droppings and mould during the school tour before the public input meeting Wednesday night.

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Building new school not an option, board says

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Cardiff school April 1 in the same way.

The PARC came together in September 2008, when director of education Kathy Verduyn presented the school board with enrolment projections for the two schools over the next five years. Enrolment has been slipping at both, forcing the children to be grouped in triple-grade classes. It is projected that if the schools are allowed to operate the same way there will be five-grade classes.

Now the committee – formed of community members and school staff – must find a better solution.

At the meeting Wednesday, four potential scenarios were presented by the superintendent of elementary operations, Gale Sherin, with some stipulations.

"We cannot keep the status quo, we cannot build a new school, we also cannot move our school boundaries … and we cannot send students out of our board. To make this scenario work, it is critical to consider all students in Grades 7 and 8," she said.

Wilberforce students currently go to J.D. Hodgson Elementary School for Grades 7 and 8, but in all of Sherin's scenarios (derived from community input over the months) those students would have to remain in either Wilberforce or Cardiff.

The first two scenarios are for the students to go to one school or the other. The third scenario has the students breaking up by grade, having junior kindergarten to Grade 3 at one school and Grade 4 to 8 at the other. This would involve seven busses a day driving back and forth.

The last solution is to use one school one year and the other school the other year. This idea brought snickers from the audience, but appears to be designed more for the towns' economic wellbeing, rather than consistency for the students.

Many Wilberforce residents said they worried about the health of local businesses if the school was closed.

Trish Byrne, a mother of three and nurse in Haliburton, said she and her husband moved to Wilberforce three years ago because there was a school.

"As a new member of the town of Wilberforce I feel very upset and concerned at the potential closure of the Wilberforce Elementary School. When my husband and I chose to move into the community three years ago, the fact that the town was relatively self-sufficient and housed … a school made us feel that Wilberforce would be a suitable community to raise our three young children [in]," she said.

If Cardiff was chosen to stay open, Byrne said, "this means it would take 50 to 60 minutes of driving alone to come to our children if an emergency were to arise."

"If this possibility becomes a reality, we feel that we will be forced to send our children to the Haliburton elementary school," she said.

Jody Rupnow gave a slideshow presentation on behalf of herself, Kathy Rogers and Mary Barker, highlighting the devastation to the town if the school was lost. Rupnow argued that there would be no reason for people to move to town without a school and eventually the population would shrink to the point where businesses would leave too.

"Taking the school away will be the beginning of the end," she said.

Standardized test scores were brought up a few times by Wilberforce residents to justify keeping their school open, while pointing out that Cardiff has lower than average scores.

Those differences had to do with multi-grade classes and a high teacher turnover, said Cathy Graham, the secretary at Cardiff, on behalf of teachers at that school.

Graham then gave her own presentation as someone who had worked at both schools. She said there was a theme in the meeting of Cardiff students being treated as delinquents, but she said that was unfair and false.

Graham is now a secretary in Cardiff and shared some of the 23 handmade cards she received from students for Secretary's Day as an example of the creative, bright and caring students she works with every day.

She also said that no matter what happens, the children will adapt – her children now thrive in their classes in Haliburton after her local school in Gooderham closed. "Both my daughter and son were students of the school at the time. I feared for them," she said.

"As a school closure survivor I can tell you that both of my children adapted very well," she said.

The PARC will continue to take written public input until the end of June. In September, the group will reconvene to make a recommendation on which scenario to choose and then the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will make a decision. The new configuration should be in place by September 2010.

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Wilberforce students past and present checked out the classrooms during the school tour.

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HOCKEY DUO

Duchene and Hodgson restore a fan's faith

AARON BELL/Special to the Echo

Matt Duchene "looks as if he is going to go airborne when he speeds down the wing. He crashes into opponents and has an uncanny sixth sense of where to be in the goal-scoring zone at the precise moment that the puck ends up there," writes Koshlong cottager Kirk Makin.

KIRK MAKIN

Special to the Echo

For an ex-Montrealer, who came of age watching the Canadiens reel off one Stanley Cup victory after another, there was never supposed to be a greater hockey thrill.

Cancel one fondly-held delusion. Less than a minute after laying eyes last fall on the Brampton Battalion – a team led by local heroes Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene – a new and more satisfying obsession came to life. To my utter amazement, nothing came to define the winter of 2009 more than the exploits of the Battalion.

It is a fixation that has come at a price. Such as spending excruciating hours inching through the hell fires of Toronto rush hour traffic and flirting with malnutrition on Powerade Centre diet of fries and cheeseburgers. I am also convinced that I sucked up a lifetime load of carbon monoxide, waiting for 3,000 cars to funnel out Powerade's one-lane exit route following each game. And most recently, my loyalties meant braving a legion of liquored-up Windsor Spitfire fans who fixed on my Hodgson hockey jersey as a deep, personal insult.

How did this abiding passion come to be? Over the past couple of years, a growing number of *Echo* articles that chronicled the rise of the Haliburton Two signalled that something significant was going on. The story line was almost inconceivably rich. Two concurrent top-t10 draft picks from the same small town? Close friends who had learned their moves together at the local rink? It was a one-in-a-million piece of chance.

But what really launched me on the road to Brampton was a personal connection – Chris Hodgson. To most Haliburtonians, Chris is remembered either as the one-time reeve, MPP or provincial Natural Resources minister – or all three. But to me, he will always be the fresh-raced rookie real estate agent who was holding the fort at the Minden Re-Max office one Sunday morning in October 1985.

Fresh out of Trent University and pumped to make a sale, Chris drove me around the county in search of a piece of shorefront that my paltry reporter's salary could absorb. Late that day, with the setting sun at our backs, we walked across a stunning beachfront on Koshlong Lake. I was smitten. My offer was accepted, and that chance meeting with Chris became a life-changing experience.

In light of his starring role in my personal history, how could I not go to watch his kid play hockey?

So, on a Sunday afternoon in November, I drove my 13-year-old daughter Jodie to what we assumed would be a dinky, suburban rink. We were geared up for a tedious spectacle that would probably rank a notch or two above my own amateurish Friday night goal-fests.

The odor of misadventure increased when an overstuffed, pseudo-soldier known as "Sarge" hit the rink a few minutes before the players and skated around, throwing exaggerated salutes toward the crowd. However, the best was yet to come. A couple of rink-workers emerged to inflate a giant tank with a turret that looked positively obscene as it wobbled into full tumescence, giving the Battalion an arch to skate underneath as they entered the rink.

But then came the shocker. The Battalion and their foes – Mississauga – launched into a blindingly fast, up-close, passionately-executed exhibition of honest-to-God hockey! I was flabbergasted.

Our eyes were glued to the guy we had come to watch – Cody. His arsenal of skills lacked nothing - with the possible exception of a pugnacious streak. He won every last face-off he was involved in. He was an explosive skater with a chess player's tactical mindset; pouncing on errant passes and leaving opposing defencemen guessing wildly at whether he will poke the puck through a tiny hole, drag it past them with a stutter-move, or spin 180 degrees to leave them staring at the back of his jersey. Cody was also an unerring force on the powerplay and an inspired penalty-killer. Not enough? He also exuded the leadership and maturity of a genuine team captain.

During the first intermission, we approached a genial-looking woman wearing a Hodgson jersey to see if she had any idea whether Cody's dad attended his games. She certainly did – it was Chris's mother, Barbara. She said that the Hodgson clan were fixtures at every game and, sure enough, I ran into her many times over the course of the season.

That Mississauga game ended in spectacular form. With just a minute gone in the first overtime period, Cody burst through centre on a breakaway. He faked a wrist shot to the far side of the goal to draw the goalie away and then, with sublime calm, he gently deposited it into the near side. You could almost see the goalie's jaw drop.

On the way home, I mourned untold thousands of dollars wasted over the past 40 years on the dubious pleasure of sitting a half-mile above NHL rinks, witnessing one uninspired game after another. Those days were over. I was hooked. The Battalion were my team from here on in.

During the Christmas holidays, we were riveted to Canada's exploits in the world junior hockey championship. At the end, we were as appalled when the overhyped John Tavares was chosen over Cody as MVP – despite Cody having been the leading scorer and displayed the fullest spectrum of talent.

John Tavares? He is a one-dimensional sprinter compared to Cody, a decathlete who has elements to his game that Tavares can only dream of. It will be equally scandalizing if Matt happens to be chosen behind Tavares in the first round of the June draft. Matt is a speedier, more aggressive version of Tavares who looks as if he is going to go airborne when he speeds down the wing. He crashes into opponents and has an uncanny sixth

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Battalion wins fan's devotion

AARON BELL/Special to the Echo

John Tavares may have got most of the attention in the Ontario Hockey League this past season, but Makin says Tavares is a "one-dimensional sprinter" compared to Cody Hodgson, who's likely playing with the Vancouver Canucks this fall. Cody's dad was the realtor who sold the Makins their cottager.

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sense of where to be in the goal-scoring zone at the precise moment that the puck ends up there.

We gradually acquired other Battalion favourites, as well: Matt Kang, a devil-may-care battering ram who can put the puck in the net; goalie Thomas McCollum, who is clearly ready to take his place with the Detroit Red Wings; Evgeni Grachev, a gangling power forward who can skate at breakneck speed and out-deke any defenceman who gets in the way.

As the winter rolled on, my wife, Susan, and Jodie became every bit as enamoured with the team. Jodie lived for home games, toured the Battalion website regularly, and expressed her disgust any time the hometown audience didn't cheer loudly enough. We even drove to Belleville for one game, where Jodie joyfully high-fived the players as they stepped onto the ice. (Try pulling that off at Air Canada Centre without being charged with public mischief.)

It was all intoxicatingly new to Jodie – the orange hair dye that the team sported once the playoffs began, the on-ice scuffles, the slap shots that would ping off the glass, scaring the pants off her. We often played a game of trying to pick out the Haliburtonians at the rink. An autographed Hodgson jersey was usually a giveaway. If you listened as you walked by, chances were that you would hear the names "Cody" or "Matt" waft through the air.

Hitching oneself to a sports team is surely one of the simplest, yet greatest, pleasures of life. The artistry of sport is fulfilling in itself, but nothing beats identifying your fortunes with a team. The hard part is to find a team worthy of your affections; one that cause some kind of psychic bonding to take place.

And sometimes, hometown loyalty just isn't enough. (God knows, I've tried over and over to forge an emotional connection to the feckless, unlovable Toronto Maple Leafs. It just isn't going to happen.) But what we had in the 2009 Battalion was a blend of a team that played with wild abandon and commitment, and two tremendously talented local heroes. It doesn't get any better.

It is a bitter day when your team bites the dust, but every team eventually is destined to meet its Waterloo. For the Battalion, it was named Windsor. Strangely, their downfall didn't feel all the disappointing, given how rivetingly successful the entire season had been.

What is bittersweet, however, is the knowledge that Cody is heading to the NHL once and for all – and Matt isn't far behind. That can only mean that it's time to purchase a satellite dish, ramp up plans for a Haliburton Hockey Hall of Fame, get started on the arena murals, and post a couple of "You are entering Haliburton - Home of Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene" signs at the town line.

We have 20 years ahead to watch the Haliburton Two give us the enduring sports experience of a lifetime.

Kirk Makin is a journalist with the Globe and Mail. He wrote much of Redrum The Innocent, the story about Guy Paul Morin, at his cottage on Koshlong Lake.

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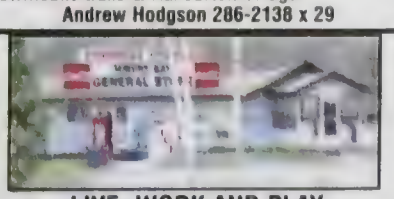

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Golf courses now open

Phillip Charron of Hanover keeps his eye on the prize on the sixth hole of Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on May 8. Golf courses around the county are open for your golfing pleasure and speaking from experience, at least a couple of local courses survived yet another harsh Haliburton winter quite well.

Last Friday Charron and his fellow golfing junkies Brian Murray and Glen Thackery made their way up and down the rolling hills of the course not once, not twice, but three times. Murray, who has a cottage on Loon Lake, says the family always heads to the cottage for the Mother's Day weekend for golf and good times.

Golfing is great exercise (walking is best of course), a great challenge, and fun for all age levels and experiences.

MOOSE HOCKEY

Hodgson declared CHL player of the year

Moose head home to battle for series win

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Because of his on-ice commitments with the Manitoba Moose, Haliburton Lake cottager Cody Hodgson asked his brother Clayton to represent him at the Canadian Hockey League awards on May 23 in Rimouski, Quebec.

Awarded the most votes by NHL Central Scouting, Hodgson captured the CHL player of year for his season with the Brampton Battalion. Hodgson scored a career-high 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points in 53 games with a plus-minus rating of plus-41 and just 33 penalty minutes.

As captain of his team, Hodgson topped the OHL with 11 game-winning goals as well as a point-scoring streak of 23 games that stemmed from November 21 to February 11.

He also recorded an astounding 26 multi-point games that included four hat tricks and one five-point game against the Plymouth Whalers.

Hodgson was also part of the gold-medal winning Team Canada at the 2009 World Junior Hockey Championships in Ottawa, leading the tournament with 16 points in just six games.

In June 2008, Hodgson was drafted 10th overall in the NHL Entry Draft by the Vancouver Canucks. The team asked him to return to the Battalion for a year. After Brampton lost to the eventual 2009 Memorial Cup champion Windsor Spitfires in the OHL championships, Hodgson joined the AHL Manitoba Moose, who are one game away from playing in the 2009 Calder Cup final.

Hodgson earned his first pro assist in Game 1 with the Moose, scored his first pro goal in Game 2, and had helped his team take a commanding 3-0 series lead in the best-of-seven western conference final of the Calder Cup playoffs.

It seems, however, that Hodgson is now going through his first pro slump, as he and the mighty Moose hang on to a 3-2 series lead with hopes of winning the series back home in Winnipeg on May 25.

The Moose won Game 3 on the road in Houston but lost the next two, which were also in Houston. Hodgson has been kept off the score sheet since scoring his first goal in Game 2, thus keeping him out of the media spotlight.

And while Hodgson's likely okay being out of the limelight, it's safe to say he'd much rather be on the score sheet and talking to reporters post-game.

In a post-game interview on the Moose website (Moose TV) after his first game, Hodgson was asked about his role on the team to which he responded: "I've just tried to play my game, obviously try to contribute to the fourth line. It worked out pretty well. We weren't a defensive liability at all."

With two points in five games under a limited amount of ice time, a plus-1 rating, 2 PIM, and 15 shots, it would come as no surprise if the son of Marie and Chris Hodgson were to have an impact in Game 6, launching the Moose into the Calder Cup finals.

Prior to losing Game 4, the Moose was riding a 10-game winning streak, dating back to Game 4 against the Toronto Marlies. The two recent overtime losses to Houston also happened to be the only two wins for the Aeros over the Moose in nine attempts this season.

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Walt McKechnie will have a new plaque to add to his own wall of fame at McKeck's Place - his induction in the London Sports Hall of Fame.

Photo by Matt James

London hall of fame inducts McKechnie

JIM KERNAGHAN

Sun Media

Well-travelled NHL veteran Walt McKechnie, who learned his hockey on the outdoor rinks of London, Ontario, was inducted into the London Sports Hall of Fame on May 11 in the athlete modern category.

McKechnie played for eight teams over 15 NHL seasons spanning 1968 through 1984 - Minnesota North Stars, California Golden Seals, Boston Bruins, Detroit Red Wings, Washington Capitals, Cleveland Barons, Toronto Maple Leafs and Colorado Rockies. The 1975-76 season was his most productive, when he registered 82 points with Detroit.

"He learned his hockey on the outdoor rinks and you could tell right away he was a hockey player," noted Bruce Huff, former *London Free Press* sports editor and hall of fame chairperson. "I remember the [NHL] scouts coming around when he was 15."

McKechnie, who was selected to Team Canada for the 1977 World Championships, now owns and operates McKeck's Place in Haliburton.

The 1877 London Tecumsehs were inducted in the team category while Goldie Prodger and Harry Geris came in tied as Athlete Legend, with Builder/Founder Modern inducting golfer Patty Howard and broadcaster Pete James. Bill Farquarson was inducted as Builder/Founder Legend.

The induction reception will be November 5.

Greasy spin

Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition riders are pictured at the Dysart arena in Haliburton before leaving on their ride to Eagle Lake on Sunday May 3. After the ride, the cyclists enjoyed a delicious breakfast hosted by the Haliburton Legion. The cycling group has a number of rides and workshops planned throughout the cycling season. For more information visit their website at www.cyclehaliburton.ca.

Cycling season offers many workshops and rides

Learn to Geocache
Wednesday, May 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton, by the fountain, Register with the health unit, 457-1391. Learn the basics of geocaching, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; some will be available to borrow. (max. 10 families)

Yoga for cyclists
Thursday, May 28, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Blue Sky Yoga Studio. Register with Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121 (max. 12) Learn some basic stretches that will help prevent cycling injuries.

Intro to mountain biking
Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Meet at JDH Elementary School parking lot. Register with the health unit. 457-1391
Come for some instructional riding for beginners and then explore the trails behind the school or continue into Glebe Park for a ride on the trails.

Bike to Halimar
Sunday, May 31, 10 am
Meet at Haliburton town docks. Register with the health unit, 457-1391. Halimar Resort welcomes you after an enjoyable, leisurely ride and offers the best view of Lake Kashagawigamog. For only $6, enjoy a refreshing beverage and delicious light snacks while you relax at the shores.

Bike the line – a Geocaching cycle adventure!
No registration required. Get out anytime between June 1 and June 21 and cycle to find geocaches on and near the IB&O Rail Trail. Collect the messages from each one, and get a prize at the end! Full instructions and cache coordinates can be picked up at the health unit, at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce, or on the Cycling Coalition website. GPS units are also available to rent at Agnew's. Call 448-2211.

The well-balanced ride
Sunday, June 7, 8:30 a.m.
Meet in IGA parking lot, Minden.
Register with the health unit, 457-1391.
Join us for a moderate intensity ride that will be rewarded with a great breakfast in Minden. Distance: 34km. Estimated time: 2-3 hours (including breakfast).

Guided mountain bike ride
Tuesday, June 9, 6:45 – 9 p.m. approx.
Meet at Haliburton town docks.
For teens and adults. Come for an off-road mountain bike ride with Jamie McMahon. This ride will be a couple of hours in length and will be geared for experienced riders. It will include road riding to a destination and then an off road experience. Expect to get muddy and wet.

Mountain biking at Sir Sam's
For date (yet to be confirmed) and to register call the health unit 457-1391.
Come and ride at Sir Sam's ski hill (teens and adults) and get a sneak peek at their new trails before they officially open on June 27th. This guided ride will go up the hill and then through 5km of trails. Meet at Sir Sam's at 10 a.m. sharp.

Minden family cycling adventure
Saturday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd.
Register with the R.D. Lawrence Centre, 286-2298. Come and take a tour of R.D. Lawrence Place, a sustainable building and learning centre. After the tour, go on a bicycle tour to see some of the historic buildings in Minden, which is celebrating it's 150th anniversary this year. This is an easy family friendly ride suitable for children. Admission by donation.

West Guilford - Eagle Lake tour
Sunday, June 14
Meet at the West Guilford Community Centre – 9 a.m. Come and cycle a favourite loop of cyclists in Haliburton. This 23km trip will be at a moderate pace and is perfect for new riders. The ride will start and end at the community centre. The group will make a short stop at Maple Moon en route. Trip will take 2 to 3 hours.

Shifting Gears Cycling Festival
Saturday, June 20
Head Lake Park, Haliburton, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Join us for our fourth annual cycling festival. Activities for the whole family including a treasure hunt, bike decorating, contests, vendors, information booths and more! New this year: the celebrity tricycle challenge. Listen to some great live and enjoy a great lunch catered by Rhubarb chef Chris Carl.

Gear swap at the Cycling Festival
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Do you have cycling related gear or extra bikes you would like to sell? Bring all cycling related items to the Festival where there will be an area set up to sell your goods!
Items should be priced and ready to go. It will be your responsibility for selling items and removing them at the end of the day. Please no used helmets.

Peddle your arts – Mini-tour du village
Saturday, June 20, 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Meet at the cycling festival. Register with Yours Outdoors 754-3436. Come to the cycling festival and then discover the world of art in Haliburton Village. This 10km tour explores a variety of visual arts offerings while enjoying our scenic village from the comfort of a bicycle seat. Anyone who can ride a bike can do this tour.

Father's Day bike ride in Algonquin Highlands. Sunday, June 21, 10 a.m.
Meet at Stanhope Community Centre.
Celebrate Father's Day with a family-friendly ride. You have the choice of shorter and longer routes. The routes are flat and there isn't a lot of traffic. Bring a picnic lunch to have at the playground/shelter area at the community centre.

The workplace commuter challenge
May 31 – June 6
Bike or walk part or all the way to work and be eligible for prizes! Contact Sue at the health unit 457-1391 for more information.

Bike to school challenge
June 10
Schools are being invited to organize a bike to school. Check with your child's school for details.

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Merrill Barry gets a surprise party

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Many happy returns to Merrill Barry who was treated to a surprise birthday party to celebrate his 65th birthday at his home. His wife Merrie invited friends and family to the party on Saturday, May 23. Some of those in attendance were the Heberts – Linda, Paul, Dawn and family, Tom Prentice with Andrea, Tony Prentice and family, Terry-Lynn and Kirk Holden and family, Debbie and Lance Stinson and family, Merrill's brothers, Kim, Tim, and Ron, Rick and Shirley Allison, Wren and Rose Barry, and Elaine and Tom Nunn who are just moved back home from British Columbia. We add our best wishes from the community to Merrill.

Shirley Johnston's initiative has resulted in a group of five meeting at the community centre last week. Anyone may join to walk for the good of health on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. to walk for about an hour. The walk last week was up Nila Road, but could be any territory nearby the centre.

The Highlands Wind Symphony was such great entertainment for the audience at the Pavilion Theatre on Sunday, and we are so proud to have a few Guilford and nearby resident musicians in its presentation. Beth Johns on French horn, Christopher Chumbley on tuba, Rob Snelgrove on trumpet, Bas Bouthoorn on trumpet and Margaret Milne on viola all offered their fine musicianship to the program. Of course I was proud of Earl's piping along with the band for the first time, but equally thrilled to see and hear Carl Dixon in action on percussion. Cheers for all our local music-makers.

Now down to earth with euchre scores: Highs for Pearl Kernohan and Bill Marshall, lows for Norma Crewson and Harold Ross and most lone hands for Dave Switzer and Colleen Davison.

On May 23 Ken and Leanne Goodall, Earl and I, George Cooper and Kathleen Owens and Perry and Kay Morrison attended the annual Masonic ladies night banquet at the curling club facility in Haliburton. The excellent meal was catered by Jim and Janet Tice and crew. So-o-o good!

Welcome back to Wayne Cooper who has been travelling in Italy and Spain for the past few weeks.

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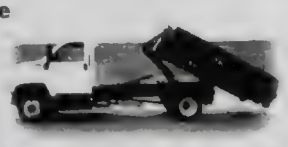
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KENNISIS LAKE BRIEFS

No condos planned for Mahood's shoreline

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the May 12 spring meeting of the Kennisis Lake Cottagers' Association. The meeting was at Haliburton Forest, with approximately 150 people in attendance. The association has a current membership of 258 property owners, out of a possible 600. More information about association activities can be found at www.klcoa.org.

Kennisis Lake Marina

Marina owner Doug Mahood reassured people that there will be no condos going up on the 2,000 feet of shoreline he owns on the lake. He is planning to downsize the marina a little by removing one building and tearing down the store. A new store will be added to the existing marina building. He has plans to build "a few" cottages on the property but not a restaurant. He does not believe there's enough year-round business to sustain a restaurant.

Taxes

Dysart councillor Janis Parker, who is on Kennisis Lake, says council compensated for increased property values by decreasing its tax rate. As a result, most property owners should not see an increase, or only a slight one. For instance, her taxes are going up only $28.

She encouraged people to donate to the new fund to buy furnishings for the new library branch in Haliburton. She also invited golfers to sign up for the Fleming College golf tournament.

Land sale

Lee Battison also reassured people that he has no plans to develop the 70 acres of forest that he recently purchased. Instead, he bought the land to ensure there could be no back lot development. He will continue to protect the forest under the forest management plan. As well, because people used to access the property to explore its natural attributes, he says non-motorized visitors are still welcome as long as they ask for permission first.

"It's a forest not a fortress," he said. "If you want access let us know."

Battison's other retirement project is to get a doctorate in rehabilitating brownfields (abandoned properties such as landfills and quarries) through the production of biofuels.

Island C

The association is very grateful that the property known as Island C was donated to the association by Shall-May Holdings. The island is more of a nature reserve and less used than Norah's Island, which was donated to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust by the Carruthers family. There will be a public meeting on July 11 to discuss a long-term strategy for Island C. Options include setting up its own land trust or donating the land to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

Property owners on the lake donated $53,000 to an endowment fund to manage Norah's Island. They were reassured that the fund is for the island only and can't be used for the HHLT's second property, the Dahl Forest. (The land trust confirmed this to the Echo after the meeting.)

Lake etiquette

The association has a separate website for its lake plan, www.kennisis.ca. On it people can fund the new owners and renters guide that sets out lake etiquette.

The lake plan committee was applauded for its work. Outgoing lake steward Cameron Douglas was also warmly praised for his advocacy work on behalf of the lake environment.

Fishing

A dead canary in a coal mine alerts people to danger. Trout are a lake's equivalent of a canary. By tracking fish populations, the lake association can better understand how healthy the waters of Kennisis are. Anglers are being asked to keep a diary of the fish they catch. A pdf of the form can be found on the website.

Rock bass have an unfair advantage for food sources in the lake, and people are encouraged to catch as many of them as possible. The annual rock bass tournament is July 11, which coincides with the province's family fishing weekend. That means you don't need an outdoors card to participate. Last year, 144 pounds of rock bass were caught, which is "substantially down" from previous years, Keith Rodd reported.

Fireworks

The association's fireworks display is planned for Saturday, June 27, with a rain date of July 4. Kennisis Lake Marina owner Doug Mahood says last year's fireworks on the August civic holiday weekend, to coincide with the 50th anniversary picnic, were so popular that he's thinking of sponsoring a second fireworks display on this year's August holiday weekend.

Regatta

If volunteers to organize the annual event are not forthcoming, the event will be cancelled this year. People are asked to contact the executive if they're willing to help out.

Share your stories

Gloria Carnochan is collecting stories about the lake's history. She's already heard from a couple of people who have been on the lake since the 1950s, but there are not enough stories to compile into a book. History can be a relatively modern term. People who have memories of the 1995 tornado, or when John Candy spent a day filming at the lake, are also encouraged to write them down and give them to Carnochan.

Security

There were eight break-ins over the year, with snowmobiles and boat engines being most sought after by thieves, John Cunerty reported. There were 10 accidents on the Kennisis Lake Road, two with personal injury.

Boat noise is becoming more of an issue than boat speed. If anyone would like to share a concern, they're asked to email him at j.cunerty@smpmetal.com.

During the morning meeting, the comment that got the most buzz from the crowd was Cunerty's warning that the new landfill attendant was carefully monitoring the garbage coming into the landfill. If people don't have their municipal dump card, they're charged $2 a bag.

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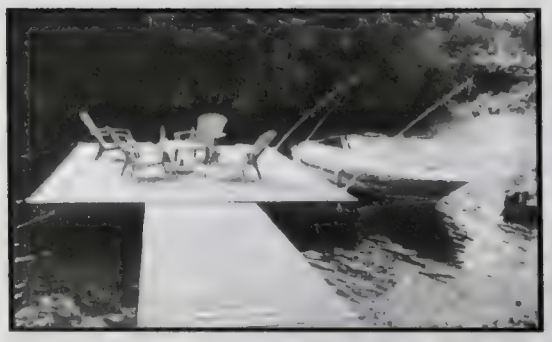

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Co-conductor Glen Carter and the Highlands Wind Symphony performed for a packed house on May 24.

SPRING CONCERT

Symphony winds over audience

Sunday's 2009 Spring Concert presented by the Highlands Wind Symphony was a huge success, as the hard work of co-conductors Lorie Reddering and Glen Carter and the entire symphony paid off after a stellar show.

The audience was treated more than 19 numbers from the Highlands Wind Symphony, Highlands Wind Symphony Brass Choir, Bowed Well String Ensemble, Highlands Swing Band, and a couple of duos with Melissa Stephens, Dan Manley, and Bethany Houghton.

Interested in kicking brass? The Highlands Brass Academy is currently registering interested participants for their summer 2009 Brass Musician Workshop, which runs July 27 to July 31 in Minden. Choose from the trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, or tuba. Call 705-455-9674 for more details.

Bethany Houghton, right, said it's been a pleasure working and playing with the Bowed Well String Ensemble.

Left, Trombone player Ken Loney.

Right, members of the Highlands Wind Symphony entertained with their catchy tunes.

FUNDRAISING FOR ART STUDENTS

Art auction raises $1,900 in just 15 minutes

Internationally renowned artist and painting instructor Brian Atyeo spends a week each spring mentoring and teaching students in an Open Studio course at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

For the past two years he has generously offered to auction off demonstration pieces to raise funds for student bursaries. Hopeful bidders gathered in the Great Hall of the Haliburton Fleming Campus and enjoyed educational anecdotes, lighthearted humour, and spirited bidding as they vied for the four pieces on the block. Mary Anne Dente, Russ Grant, Cathy Wharin and Carole Burtch-Rudderham are the very happy new owners of original Atyeos.

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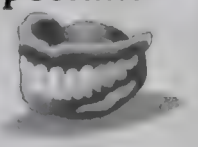

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CLEANING UP

Nine bags of garbage found on long weekend

Property owners on Lakes Miskwabi, Long, Wenona and Negaunee gathered on Sunday morning of the long weekend to gather up the roadside debris left from the winter. It was a cold, blustery day to be out doing this thankless job and there were far fewer volunteers this year than last year. The good thing was that everyone was eager and there were no black flies.

A total of nine full garbage bags of refuse, eight large bags of recyclables (cans, bottles) and half an 18" culvert was collected!

The area looks much better thanks to the following concerned residents: Pam and John Butt, Sandra Bishop, Sue and Barry Maxwell, Marg and Rick Despard and Nancy and Larry Holden.

The only question that left the group in a quandary was, "Why should this have to be an annual event?"

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Annual General Meeting

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

- **DATE:** Wednesday, June 10th, 2009
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-09-005 – Lands of McMahon

   - Purpose and Effect: The following variances are requested to permit the construction of an addition to a dwelling and legalize an existing playhouse located in the R1 zone:

     a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit playground equipment to have a west interior side lot line setback of 0.3048 metres (1.0 feet) as opposed to the required 1 metre (3.281 feet).

     b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit playground equipment to have a rear lot line setback of 0.3048 metres (1.0 feet) as opposed to the required 1 metre (3.281 feet).

     c) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a rear lot line setback of 6 metres (20 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).

   - Location: Part of Lot 17, Concession 8, Part Lot 9, Block Q, Plan 1, Dysart Township (Victoria Street)

2. D13-MV-09-003 – Lands of 1553120 Ontario Inc. (Fort Irwin Marina)

   - Purpose and Effect: The following variance is requested to permit an addition to an accessory structure located in the CT zone.

     a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 7.2 to permit an accessory structure (barn) to have a minimum water setback of 18.29 metres (60 feet) as opposed to the required 20 metres (65.62 feet).

   - Location: Part of Lot 11, Concession 6, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake – Shirley's Road)

   - The public hearing for this file was held on Wednesday April 8th, 2009. The file is being returned to the Committee for further discussion following a site inspection.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: May 26th, 2009

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP
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Committee of Adjustment

Record breaking attendance at Legion

MEL SMITH

Wilberforce Legion Br. 624

We have an elimination draw underway. We are selling 200 tickets at $10 each, and we have 50 tickets left to sell. Tickets are available at the Legion.

Brian Eves, chairman of the entertainment committee, says 101 people attended our all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on May 15, making it a huge success. This was our largest group; 77 people was our previously record. He would also like to thank the committee members. Everyone worked hard and it was a team effort. This is something that helps keep our Legion going.

The next spaghetti dinner will be June 19. Let's see if we can surpass our new record.

Brian has also asked you to consider New Year's in July on July 3. Everyone will be there including Elvis.

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Every Saturday, meat draw, 2:30 to 5 p.m.; cribbage 1 p.m. This will continue every week on Sunday.

JENN WATT/Echo

Gooderham gets grant

Hydro One customer operations manager Boyd Knox presented a cheque for $20,000 to the Gooderham community action group May 13 at the Gooderham Community Centre. The money will be used for six new items of playground equipment and to complete the ice rink.

"We're thankful and grateful to receive the grant. It's a dream of the community for kids to have a safe, fun-filled playground," the chair of the committee, Barbara Bader, said.

From left: Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, action group secretary treasurer Marilyn Wooder, Boyd Knox, Barbara Bader and Councillor Donna Graham.

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- May 26: Haliburton Farmers' Market organizational meeting at 7:30 pm at the Great Hall, Fleming College in Haliburton – All local producers of edibles welcome. Learn market details and bring your questions. If you're interested but can't attend, call 286-1940.
- May 27: Learn to Geocache – Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton, by the fountain, Register with the Health Unit, 457-1391 - Geocaching is a great way for people of all ages to get out and explore by foot and by bike! Learn the basics, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; some will be available to borrow. (max. 10 families)
- May 28: Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary will meet – Dinner will be served at 6 pm prompt followed by our annual Honours and Awards then the general meeting.
- May 28: Yoga for Cyclists, 7:30 – 9:00 pm Blue Sky Yoga Studio - Register with Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121 (max. 12), Learn some basic stretches that will help prevent cycling injuries. No previous experience needed.
- May 29: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaced from 12 – 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3
- May 30: Camp for Kids – Stop by Tim Hortons in Minden and support our Camp for Kids Fundraiser
- May 30: Intro to Mountain Biking, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Meet at JDH Elementary School parking lot - Register with the Health Unit. 457-1391. Come for some instructional riding for beginners and then explore the trails behind the school. The second option is to continue into Glebe Park for a ride on the trails. This workshop is open to all ages.
- May 31: Dr. Giles Bryant will present an Organ Recital at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden at 4:30 p.m. - A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are $15, $5 for students under 19. Contact Elaine Bell at 705-457-9422 or bushbell@sympatico.ca For more information and tickets. St. Paul's is located on the Gull River in Minden, across from The Beer Store.
- May 31: Bike to Halimar, 10 am, Meet at Haliburton Town Docks - Register with the Health Unit, 457-1391, Halimar Resort welcomes you after an enjoyable, leisurely ride and offers the best view of Lake Kashagawigamog. You're free to wander the spacious grounds of this hidden treasure and dip into the lake. For only $6, enjoy a refreshing beverage and delicious light snacks while you relax at the shores of this quiet oasis.
- June 6: Strawberry Social – Join us at the Community Care drop-in centre beginning at 12:30 pm.
- June 6: Northland Faith Church will be hosting Evangelist John Edwards from Wales - who will be ministering at 7:00 pm, 4713 Gelert Rd (County Rd 1) Lochlin. Everyone welcome. For further information phone 457-2904.
- June 7: You are invited to attend The Granny Tea Party – Celebrate spring and join the haliburton Highlands Grannies in support of The Stephen Lewis Foundation from 2-4 pm at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon.Live music, tea and goodies, table prizes, door prizes, looney auction and much more. Admission $12, For tickets call 286-2198.
- June 7: The Well-Balanced Ride, 8:30 am, Meet in IGA parking lot, Minden - Register with the Health Unit, 457-1391. Join us for a moderate intensity ride that will be rewarded with a great breakfast in Minden. To get your appetite started we will head up out of Minden. The ride will level off as you catch your breath, and enjoy the view of the rock and wetland surrounds. Your hunger will be distracted momentarily by a fast descent into Minden and then satiated at one of the great breakfast spots in town. Distance: 34km. Estimated time: 2-3 hours (including breakfast).
- June 9: First Ride Program The First Student Canada bus will be visiting the centres to offer the "First Ride" program at the Haliburton OEYC at 10:30. If you have a child starting school in September this is a great opportunity to learn the school bus safety rules and go on school bus ride together. Please pre-register 457-2989.

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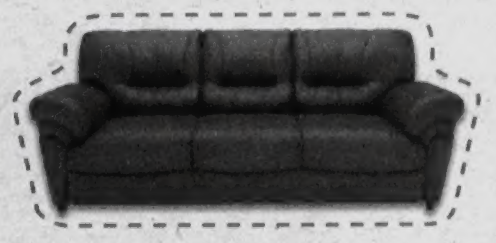

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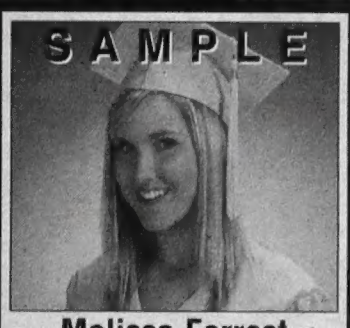

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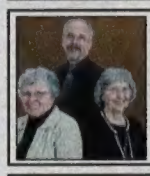

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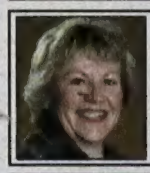
A four season waterfront home on Benoir Lake, just 20 minutes from Wilberforce. Built in 1977. This 3 bedrm home/cottage features an open concept, master bedroom with walkout to deck, some parquet flooring, sunrm with w/o to deck, stone fireplace, block basement with w/o to N. facing 10 x 25 deck. Bunkie and detached double car garage with large loft. This beautiful setting on a mature lot shows pride of ownership. A must to see!!

Bill Kulas
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.44

$459,500
CANNING LAKE
Spectacular western view! Open concept design. Large country kitchen with separate dining room. Grand living room with vaulted ceiling and propane fireplace. Featuring two baths, full walk out basement, hardwood floors and much more. Great fishing and boating await on this awesome 5 lake chain. Check out the virtual tour at www.BillKulas.com

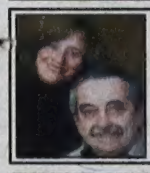
Cathy Lancia* & Shirley Rule
Kennisis Lake Office
754-4242

$449,700
LT. REDSTONE LAKE
Winterised cottage enjoys Sun & Beach, level 139' lot. Features incl.Open Concept w carpet & tile floors, insert in Frpl, Raised & lighted ceiling, window replacements 2005, roof 1997, cedar siding, central vac. & wrap around decking, oil Furnace & tank 2009.



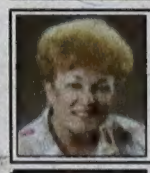
Denise LeBlanc
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.33

$167,000
PERFECT PRIVACY!
Located just minutes outside of the village of Haliburton on a dynamite 2.6 acre lot that provides complete privacy. The house is nicely laid out with 3 generous sized bedrooms one of which is set up with its own bath & sitting room "could be a Granny suite". Nice sized living/dining rms and modest kitchen. The full walkout basement needs some finishing but has great potential. Good value & priced to sell.



Marj & John Parish
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.226

$389,000
DRAG LAKE
Winterized 3 Brdm Cottage/Home, Pine Interior, Hrdwd Flooring, 158' of Sand/Rock Shoreline, South Exp.With Big Lake View, Year Round Fun.

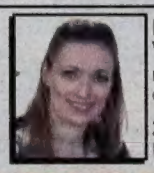


Elizabeth Thompson
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.248

$354,400
HORSESHOE LAKE
Charming older 3-bdrm cottage with spacious rooms sits close to the water on a well-treed private waterfront lot with 140 ft of clean rock and sand shoreline and a wide lake view. Easy yr-rd access and great boating on this pristine two-lake chain.

Fred Chapple
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext. 43

Tom & Gail Tempest**
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext. 41



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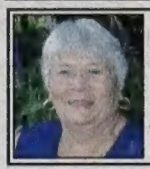
$259,900
HALIBURTON HOME
3 bdrm ranch style bungalow with sunken livingroom, pine cathedral ceilings, pine kitchen, full bsmt, 2 baths. Privacy is assured - situated on a 10 acre lot close to village of Haliburton.

Geoff Bunn
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.242

NEW LISTING

$139,000
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME!
Centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pusey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!



Madeline Doyle
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.250

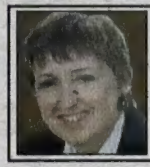
$359,000
BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY
With 2 sep lots, 183' of shoreline. Great swimming, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 storeys, screened porch & deck at water's edge. Only 20 mins. from Haliburton. Well maintained & ready for use.

Marilyn Hawley
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.237

$319,000
LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE!
Totally renovated cottage with custom maple cabinets, pine ceilings, poplar floor & wainscotting. 3 bdrms & wraparound deck, upgraded insulation & new roof! Very private, well treed lot with fabulous sand beach and great swimming. Call Marilyn Hawley.

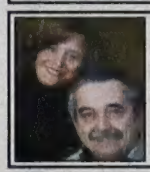
Debra Lambe
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.244

$359,000
BEAUTIFUL HALIBURTON LAKE!
Charming 1 1/2 storey cottage on gently sloping lot w/large frontage. Property made up of 2 separate lots, that allow for great privacy, w/183' of sandy shoreline, great swimming and southern exposure. Property located on quiet and private road. Features include; 4 bedrooms, open concept kitchen, eating area and livingroom, screened in porch, fish pond, dock, boathouse, large sitting deck and great view at waters edge. Large privately owned parcel across the bay, provides additional privacy. Great family or rental cottage on popular lake w/good fishing.



Lynda Litwin
Minden Office
286-2911 Ext.35

HALIBURTON VILLAGE HOME
Large family home with screened in porch, 1.49 acres, 3 bedrooms plus loft over garage, walk out basement, large living space. Satellite tower rental income will help offset the mortgage payments! Call for details.

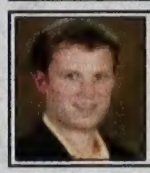


Marj & John Parish
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.226

$99,000
GREAT GETAWAY COTTAGE!
Minutes to Municipal Sand Beach on Big & Little Glamor Lakes, 3 Brdms, Living rm with Fireplace, Large Lake View Deck, Year Round Access!

Ted Vasey
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.223

$239,900
OLD DONALD ROAD
Beautiful country home with 2200 sq. ft. of living space just completed - bright modern kitchen with island - hardwood floors - 3 bedrooms - 2bathrooms - w/o finished basement - FA propane heat - attached 2 car garage - hardwood lot with a view.



Jeff Wilson
Haliburton Office
457-1011 Ext.233

Residential - Privacy Plus Acreage that is a stone throw to Drag Lake, boat launch. Enjoy this 25 acre parcel and only 10 minutes to Haliburton Village. Driveway in and building site cleared. Hydro and Bell at lot line. Beautiful view of Drag Lake. Price is plus GST. Call for more details.

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